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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ⁷ H 04 J 3/16, H 04 L 5/22		
Applicant NET INSIGHT AB et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 02.11.1999	Date of completion of this report 28.06.2000
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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed.
- ☐ the description, pages _____, as originally filed,
 pages _____, filed with the demand,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____, as originally filed,
 Nos. _____, as amended under Article 19,
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- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____, as originally filed,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the demand
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____,
 sheets/fig _____, filed with the letter of _____.

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations

The invention relates to a method and an apparatus for allocating time slots to circuit-switched channels established to comprise one or more respective time slots in a recurrent frame of a time division multiplexed network.

The object of the invention is to provide a flexible way of controlling the allocation and deallocation of time slots to channels, also taking into consideration the situation when there are no free slots available.

According to the invention, a time slot allocated to said channel is associated with a selected level, of at least two available levels, of priority. Decisions as to whether or not to deallocate said time slot from said channel is then based upon a comparison of said selected level of priority and a level of priority associated with a request for a time slot for another channel.

The following documents are cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 5532937 A
D2: US 5343474 A
D3: US 4494232 A
D4: WO 9736402 A1
D5: BOHM, C. et al., The DTM Gigabit Network, Journal of High Speed Networks 3 (1994), pages 109 to 126
D6: GAUFFIN L. et al., Multi-gigabit networking based on DTM, Computer Networks and ISDN Systems, 24(1992), April, No. 2, pages 119 to 130

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Supplemental Box

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However, the documents D1-D6 do not disclose such a method or apparatus, but reveal only the general state of the art.

Therefore, the invention claimed in claims 1-30 is considered to be novel (N), to involve an inventive step (IS) and also to have industrial applicability (IA).

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VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

There is a misspelling in claim 2, "dellacate" should be corrected to "deallocate".

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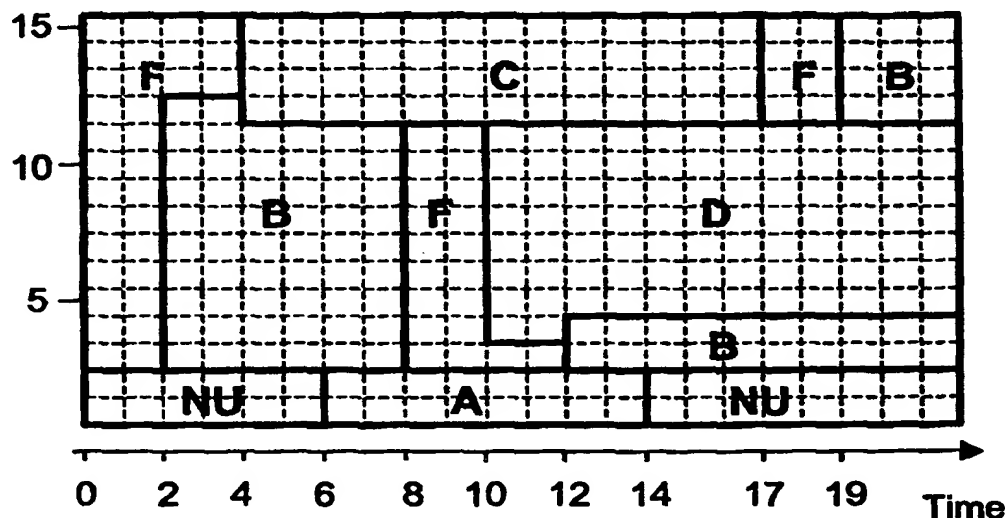
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(54) Title: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR ALLOCATING TIME SLOTS TO CIRCUIT-SWITCHED CHANNELS



(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to methods and apparatuses for allocating time slots to circuit-switched channels established to comprise one or more respective time slots in a recurrent frame of a time division multiplexed network. According to the invention, a time slot allocated to said channel is associated with a selected level, of at least two available levels of priority. Decisions as to whether or not to deallocate said time slot from said channel is then based upon a comparison of said selected level of priority and a level of priority associated with a request for a time slot for another channel.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5343474 A (KEVIN R. DRISCOLL), 30 August 1994 (30.08.94), column 3, line 44 - column 4, line 26 --	1-30
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